

SENATE BILL 2620

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49
and Title 58, relative to military personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 58, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) For the purposes of this section, "military medical personnel" means an individual who has recently served as a medic in the United States Army, medical technician in the United States Air Force, or corpsman in the United States Navy or the United States Coast Guard and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.

(b) The department of veterans services, in collaboration with the department of health, shall establish a pilot program in which military medical personnel may practice and perform certain delegated acts that constitute the practice of medicine under the supervision of a physician or podiatrist who holds an active, unrestricted license in this state. Such activities shall reflect the level of training and experience of the military medical personnel. The supervising physician or podiatrist shall retain responsibility for the care of the patient.

(c) Any licensed physician or podiatrist, a professional corporation or partnership of any licensee, any hospital, or any commercial enterprise having medical facilities for its employees that are supervised by one (1) or more physicians or podiatrists may participate in such pilot program.

(d) The department of veterans services shall establish general requirements for participating military medical personnel, licensees, and employers.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.